

4. The undersigned respectfully submits that none of the netCOMPONENTS system screen printouts referred to by the examiner in Office Action No. 1 in the above-referenced application disclose any feature allowing the user to select between direct and indirect sales channels.

5. The feature in the netCOMPONENTS system that provides information regarding to whom a seller will sell merchandise does not provide information regarding specific third parties but rather only information regarding categories of purchasers to whom the seller will sell. For example, some merchandise sellers will only sell to original equipment manufacturers, and that is the information that would be provided through the past and current netCOMPONENTS system.

The undersigned inventor hereby declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


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